

REMARKS

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, the filing date of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/05221 has been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced and entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

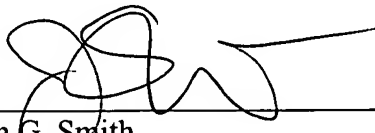
CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, has been amended as follows:

This is a Continuation-In-Part application of International Patent Application serial No.

PCT/JP00/05221 filed on ~~August 8, 2000~~ **August 3, 2000** now pending.